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DEPT PASS AMB TOKYO, MOSCOW

FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL AND UNDER SECRETARY MAW
FROM JOHN NORTON MOORE

DEPT PLS PASS LEIGH (L), CLINGAN (OES), AND ESKIN (D/LOS)

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: LOS: JAPAN AND FISHERIES LEGISLATION

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH MOORE AMBASSADOR OGISO, THE HEAD
OF THE JAPANESE LOS DELEGATION, INDICATED THAT JAPAN
MIGHT BE ABLE TO LIVE WITH US FISHERIES LEGISLATION BASED
ON ARTICLE 7 OF GENEVA CONVENTION ON FISHING AND
CONSERVATION AS ALTERNATIVE TO 200 MILE BILL. OGISO
ALSO INDICATED HE WOULD RAISE WITH HIS GOVERNMENT
POSSIBILITY OF JAPAN ADHERING TO THE 1958 CONVENTION
THOUGH HE WAS SURE IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO TAKE ANY ACTION
THIS YEAR. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT IF SOVIETS ADHERED
TO 1958 CONVENTION IT WOULD BE OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE
IN ANY JAPANESE DECISION ON THIS ISSUE.

2. COMMENT: AS SEEMS TO BE THE SOVIET VIEW, THE
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JAPANESE ALSO SEEM TO BE ABLE TO CONTEMPLATE ARTICLE 7

LEGISLATION AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE 200 MILE BILL WITHOUT
GREAT DIFFICULTY. INTERESTINGLY, AMB OGISO DID NOT
DISMISS THE POSSIBILITY OF JAPAN ACCEDING TO THE 1958
GENEVA CONVENTION ON FISHING PROVIDED THE SOVIETS ACCEDED
FIRST AND NO ACTION WAS REQUIRED THIS YEAR.

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